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Kenneth GÖRANSSON et al.) Confirmation No.: 2362
Application No.: 10/589,945) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: August 18, 2006) Examiner: Unassigned
For: CR-AL-STEEL FOR HIGH-TEMPERATURE)
APPLICATIONS)

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

SUBMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
REPORT ON PATENTABILITY AND WRITTEN OPINION

Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the attached document.

Attached is an English-language translation of an International Preliminary Report on Patentability (“IPRP”) issued August 29, 2006 and Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority mailed on June 2, 2005 that issued in related PCT/SE2005/000249 application. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the IPRP as it relates to the above-identified application.

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Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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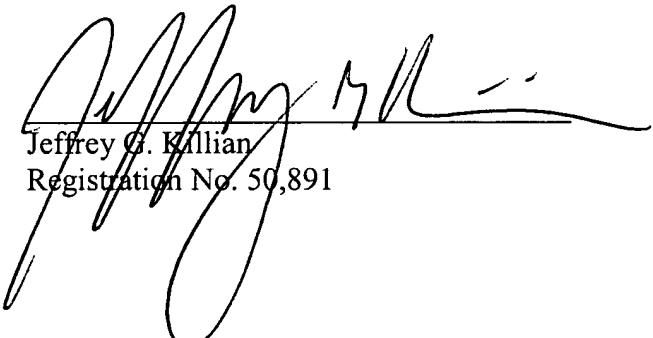
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Respectfully submitted,

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Applicant's or agent's file reference LM 11895 WO	FOR FURTHER ACTION		See item 4 below
International application No. PCT/SE2005/000249	International filing date (day/month/year) 21 February 2005 (21.02.2005)	Priority date (day/month/year) 23 February 2004 (23.02.2004)	
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
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1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

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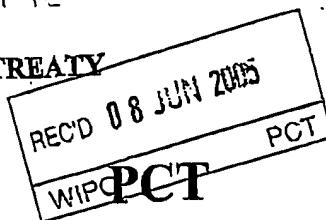
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C22C 38/06, C22C 38/18

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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International application No.

PCT/SE 2005/000249

Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language, _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

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4. Additional comments:

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International application No.

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	2	YES
	Claims	1, 3-4, 5, 6, 7, 8	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-4, 5, 6, 7, 8	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-8	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: EP 688 882 A1
 D2: EP 667 400 A1

Discussion.

The invention refers to a ferritic steel alloy including as the major characterizing alloying elements chromium and aluminium. Steels of this kind have very good high temperature oxidation resistance properties and are typically used as supports in catalytic systems and in heating furnaces. Normally, the steels also contain molybdenum, titanium or niobium, strong carbide formers such as zirconium and oxide modifying metals such as REM. D1 and D2 describes steels of this kind. From D1 it is known to prepare products, especially foils, by coating a substrate of the steel with aluminium or an aluminium alloy in order to further increase the aluminium content.

The present claims refer to a ferritic steel composition, claim 1, and a method of producing the steel by coating a substrate alloy with aluminium or an aluminium alloy, claim 5.

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Supplemental Box

In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.
Continuation of BOX V

D2 discloses a steel alloy according to claim 1, 3 and 4 (table 1, RV634). Normally, molybdenum can be substituted for tungsten as is stated in claim 2.

D1 discloses thin sheets or foils of a base material of steel having a composition according to claim 5 which is to be coated with an aluminium alloy (table 2, No. 11). Consequently, the method according to claim 5 lacks novelty.

As a result of the measures according to D1, steel according to present claim 1 is most probably formed. Note, in claim 5 it is stated that a mere coating of the substrate may result in the alloy composition according to claim 1, because there is no statements about a heat treatment or the like.

The products according to claim 6 and the uses according to claims 7 and 8 are known from D1 and D2.